

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the proposed amendment above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 10 and 17-40 are herein proposed to be canceled. Claims 2, 7, 9, 11 and 16 are herein proposed to be amended. No new claims are herein proposed to be added. Therefore, claims 2, 7-9 and 11-16 are pending and are under active consideration.

Claims 8 and 12-15 have been allowed. Claims 2, 7, 9, 11 and 16 have been amended herein to depend from allowed claim 8. Therefore, all of the outstanding rejections have been obviated and should be withdrawn.

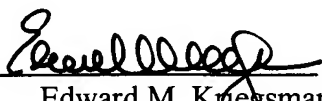
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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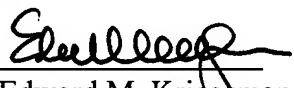
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